

March 2011 Go-Tseh-Nehee

“FORT NELSON FIRST NATION—A NATION, A PEOPLE-
STRONG, HEALTHY, PROUD AND SELF-RELIANT.”

A beautiful winter's day on the Reserve



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Reaching For Our Vision

1. To prevent and address the abuse of drugs and alcohol.
2. To increase the quality and quantity of the communities housing stock.
3. To address environmental health concerns, particularly from OSB factory pollution.
4. To improve the communication between FNFN and its members.
5. To revitalize the Nation's traditional language and culture.
6. To provide increased support for elders.
7. To provide additional support to youth, particularly high school students.
8. To promote 'meaningful employment' opportunities.
9. To address community safety concerns.
10. To promote community support networks and volunteerism.
11. To improve the communities physical infrastructure.
12. To include members living off-reserve in the FNFN community.

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Letters to the Editor

You can send your letters to the Editor by Canada Post or email to:

FNFN

Attn: Newsletter Editor

RR #1 Mile 295 Alaska Highway

Fort Nelson, BC VOC 1R0

or by email to moira.biddlecombe@fnnation.ca

Please note that your letter may or may not be used and is subject to editing and/or approval before submission is completed.

Council Attendance

FNFN Chief and Council Attendance Record

January 25, 2011–February 21, 2011

All Council, Special, Public Meetings

Does not include job interview panels or flyovers

Total Meetings	Name	Present	Absent
8	Chief Kathi Dickie	8	0
	Councillor Harvey Behn	6	2
	Councillor Samantha Kotchea	7	1
	Councillor Bernadette Makowski	8	0
	Councillor Roberta Michel	8	0
	Councillor Sharleen Wildeman	7	1

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Community Coffee House

A Community Coffee House at the “Talking House” Wednesdays from 7 pm to 9pm.

Come and socialize, play crib, entertain, read.

Get away from the kids for a couple of hours and just enjoy.

Coffee is free Open to 16 years and age and up. Elders welcome.



Men’s Support Group

When: Tuesday

Where: The Fort Nelson Native Friendship Centre

At 7:00 pm.

Confidentiality is vital. This group is to discuss various issues that effect men and provide a healthy environment to express them

Facilitators: Wayne Bouchier, Fort Nelson First Nation

Dan Belair, Addictions Worker, Prophet River.

All Men are Welcome.



Life Skills Medicine Wheel Teachings

When: Feb.10, 2011.

From 7-9 Thursday

Where Talking House—Justice Building

This is a 2-hour a week workshop to all Family members over the age of 14 years old. Also open to Professional, non-professional people or anyone wanting to learn and strive towards a more balanced life. For More Information about this program call: Wayne at (250) 774-7257 or Cell: 500-1071.

Call Out

FNFN Contacts

Fort Nelson First Nation		
Title	Name	Contact Number
Addictions Counselor	Wayne Bouchier	250-500-1071 or 250-774-7257
Assistant Executive Director	Roberta Dendys	250-774-7257 or 250-500-2679
Capital Works Manager	Bernadette Makowski	250-774-7256 or 250-500-1080
Childcare Worker	Bernadette Brown	250-500-1086 or 250-774-2361 ext. 24
Chief Councilor	Kathi Dickie	250-774-7257 or 250-500-1070
Daycare Director	Shana Wells	250-774-2361 ext. 21
Executive Director	Mark Calliou	250-774-7257 or 250-500-3330
Family Support Worker	vacant	250-500-1074 or 250-774-2361 ext. 29
Head Start	Hope Stuckless	250-500-1079 or 774-2361 ext. 23
Home Support	Home Support	Sharon - 250-500-1084 Priscilla - 250-500-1083 Keri - either cell above
Housing Coordinator	Donalda Van Kosky	250-774-7257 or 250-500-1078
Justice Manager	Ashley Wolfe	250-774-6565 or 250-500-2130
Patient Travel	Denise Christman	250-774-7257 or 250-500-1085
Recreation Manager	Chastity Kerr	250-774-7320 or 250-500-1183
Wellness Counselor	Lynda Gwynn	250-774-6404
Counseling and Family Services Manager	Suzanne Rees	250-500-2584

\$100,000 REWARD



**The Fort Nelson First Nation is offering up to \$100,000 for information leading up to the conviction of the person, or persons, who were responsible for the death of
LORETTA CAPOT BLANC (AKA PAPO CAPOT BLANC).**

Loretta was last seen on, or about August 10, 1997 in Fort Nelson, BC.

If you have any information, please contact the Fort Nelson RCMP at 250-774-2777 or Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 250-774-TIPS. The tip line is anonymous and they don't have call display on their phones- they want your information, not your identity.

Public Meeting

Public Meeting



Please Mark your Calendar for the next

Public Meeting

When Monday, March 28 , 2011

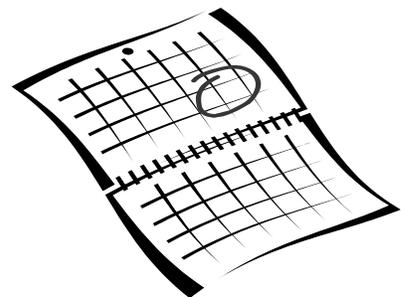
At 5:00pm

Where: The Talking House, Justice Building

Hope to see you there !

Calendars for Sale

For Sale



FNFN Lands Department Still has “Honouring Our Lands, Honouring Our Elders” 2011 Calendars for sale @ \$10.00 each.

They can be purchased at the Lands Office during Office Hours

From the Archives...

Do you know the story behind these photos or the people in them? What about the date or the location of the photos?



The Lands Archives always welcomes new donations. If you or anyone you know wants to share items with our archives, or if you have information about the photos on this page, please contact:

Jennifer Coupé at
774-6313 or
jennifer.coupe@fnation.ca

Lands Director Update

Lands Director Update March (Det'ochoo zaa) Bigger Birds Moon 2011



March is the month when the owls, ravens and hawks mate. Later in the month, eagles will return to our country to mate. In my 2½ years living here, I have only seen eagles at Tlu Tue (Maxhamish Lake), the place my grandmother was born. They reminded me of the stories of the Coast Salish people I met while living on Vancouver Island. In the Salish tradition, the eagle bridges the power of the divine with the power of earthly beings, symbolizing strength of character, the ability to 'rise above' with peace, and knowing the great powers that exist both outside and within ourselves.

In the Lands Department, this means rising above daily frustrations and occasional disappointments to work toward the vision of a strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant community, and it means engaging community, government and industry with strength of character and integrity, and balancing often overwhelming external powers with the internal strengths of our community.

Each day in the Lands Department we work to protect our treaty rights; to gather information about our land, put more eyes-on-the-ground, and represent the community while engaging with government and industry. We strive to do this work with integrity and vision, and we rely on you to do so.

We rely on community members to collect traditional knowledge, both as researchers and those who share knowledge. We rely on our young people to take the opportunities that we offer to go out on the land, to see what's going on, and to learn from our elders. We rely on community members to share ideas and information in a respectful and honest way. Only with your involvement will we 'Reach Our Vision' and have a say in the future of our land.

With that in mind, our 2011-2012 TUS Research program is underway with 3 **Elder interviews** this month. In the next few weeks, **Laurelle Dettieh** and **Cynthia Burke** will be calling Elders and Trappers to request interviews for April and May. We are still looking for another **TUS Researcher** and two **Field Monitors** to help with TUS field work starting after break up. Résumés will be accepted until March 4th.

The **SYD Traditional Use Study** is now finished. Thank you to all who came to the community meeting to review the findings. The final report will be available in the Lands Office for viewing starting March 21st.

We are still gathering photos for our digital archives. If you have photos to share, please come to the Lands office and we will scan and catalogue them for community use. In the fall, the digital archives will be accessible through the Lands office and Chalo School. While we're building the archives and getting Chalo set up to access the FNFN Lands website there may be some disruption, but keep checking <http://lands.fnnation.ca> for news, events and employment opportunities. **Mussi, Lana Lowe**

"Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful." ~ Samuel Johnson, 1775

Patient Travel Information

COMMUNITY HEALTH CLERK: DENISE CHRISTMAN
8:30 – 12:00 MONDAY TO FRIDAY

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
A CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A CLIENT ACCESSING MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION THROUGH NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS, EITHER AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL OR THE REGIONAL OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

TO NOT BECOME VERBALLY ABUSIVE OR THREATENING TOWARDS
THE PATIENT TRANSPORTATION CLERK/COORDINATOR OR FNFN
RECEPTION.



1 GIVING AT LEAST 10 DAYS NOTICE (OR AS PER THE COMMUNITIES POLICY) PRIOR TO LEAVING THE COMMUNITY. UPON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE, THE PROPER TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE

2 ADHERE TO THE, MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FRAMEWORK AND REGIONAL/COMMUNITY POLICIES ON MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

3 ATTEND THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AS SCHEDULED.



4 OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK FOR THEIR TRIP PRIOR TO LEAVING THE COMMUNITY; REFERRAL FROM GP; CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH SPECIALIST.

5 GET PRIOR APPROVAL FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCY TRIPS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

6 GET A SIGNED CMA (CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL ATTENDANCE) OR CONFIRMATION SIGNED BY THE DOCTOR/NURSE STATING THEY HAVE ATTENDED THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT. THE SIGNED CMA MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR AFTER MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

7 PROTECT ALL WARRANTS ISSUED TO THEM FOR THEIR MEDICAL TRIP. LOST OR STOLEN WARRANTS WILL NOT BE REISSUED

8 GIVE NOTIFICATION WHEN CANCELLING AN APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT; INCLUDING 24 HOURS NOTICE TO CANCEL ANY HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.

9 RETAIN AND SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED RECEIPTS.

10 NOT DAMAGE PROPERTY OR ABUSE ACCOMMODATIONS ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS EXCESSIVE NOISE.



Thank you for your Cooperation. Denise 😊



Community Recognition Initiative

April 09, 2011

Fort Nelson First Nation
would like to say

“Way To Go”

to community members who
have been chosen by their
peers for their contribution
to FNFN

Community Recognition Initiative Awards

Community Recognition Initiative

Categories

Do you know someone in the community deserving of being recognized for their commitment to the community and or/personal achievements?

This could mean many things, for example a community member who:

- Has quit using drugs and alcohol for an extended period of time
- Is a healthy role model for other community members
- Has volunteered time for community events
- Completed or is attending an education program
- Is a good neighbor
- Keeps our culture alive
- Is that Special Helping Hand for our Elders
- Is showing Respect for the Land
- Or has done some thing to help towards the betterment of the Fort Nelson First Nation community

If you are interested in nominating a community member for Community Recognition, please fill out the attached form and submit the completed paragraph. If you would like help filling out the form or more information please contact Moira Biddlecombe at 250-774-7257 or email @

Keeper of our Land: helps build a healthy community by respecting and honouring our land; increases cultural awareness about our land; encourages action, empowers and supports individual involvement in culturally grounded, land-based activities

Good Neighbour: takes initiative to encourage positive interaction among neighbours; contributes to a healthy neighbourhood on a person-to-person level; embodies the concept of a good neighbour; is inspirational, inclusive and takes action to improve his or her neighbourhood

Keeper of our Culture helps build a healthy community through respecting and honouring our culture; increases cultural awareness and Dene/Cree values; encourages action, empowers and supports individual involvement in cultural activities 4 categories: Child up to 12 years, Youth up to 17 years, Adult and last our Elders

Courage to Change "has overcome incredible challenge and adversity (addiction, physical/medical, mental or social challenges) to become models in our community. They have travelled a long, dark road and persevered to reach a shining, higher place. Most amazing is that, in their own recovery and survival, they go on to share their lives and experiences to help those who are still struggling"-(quoted from the "Courage to Come Back" awards).

Volunteer of the Year Someone who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking in the community. By doing so he/she is contributing to an event, occasion, or a lending hand to better the community.

Student of the Year This can be any person enrolled in a post secondary institution, ABE program, and or elementary /high school. This person should show academic excellence and along with outstanding achievement and contribution as an individual to student life and/or the school/community.

Youth/Athlete of the Year (under 30) one that shows leadership and is a good role model, excels in a choice field including athlete involvement, and shows wisdom far beyond their years.

Community Recognition Initiative Awards

Nomination Form

Deadline for Nomination is March 31, 2011

Your Name:

Your Telephone #:

Name of Person being Nominated:

Telephone # of nominee:

Address of Nominee:

NOTE

Please write a paragraph on a separate piece of paper outlining why you would like to see this person recognized by the community.

Examples and categories are listed but you are not limited to these reasons as you may be aware of other reasons for recognition. Please be specific with your description and why you would like to nominate this person. You can drop off your nomination to the Band Office, fax 250-774-7260 or email to moira.biddlecombe@fnnation.ca.

Nomination forms will also be available on FNFN's web page: www.fnnation.org

Culture Healthy Valentines Thank You

The Culture Revitalization department extends a huge
Thank You

to the following FNFN departments who worked in partnership to ensure the success of
“Culture Healthy Heart 2011”

Health department: Lorraine Behn & Sharon Needlay

Justice department: Ashley Wolf

Youth and Recreation: Koby Nylander & Aimee Badine

And hats off to the 48 community members who came out on the coldest day of the year to warm
their loved one’s hearts with a heart shaped pizza and a Slavey/Cree greeting card.



Culture Calendar

Culture/March 2011/Theresa

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 am-managers Head Start Language 10-11am-Beaver Soup and Bannock Friendship Center	2 11-4pm Elder's Social at Friendship Center	3 Trapper's Rendezvous Prep for event	4 Trapper's Rendezvous Language Bingo 1-4 at the Friendship Center-light snacks	5 Trapper's Rendezvous Craft Sale at The Friendship center 10-4pm
6	7 Prep for event Admin Day	8 9 am-managers Head Start Language 10-11am-Beaver Soup and Bannock Friendship Center	9 Budget	10 Prep for event	11 Community Dinner And Elder's Social 5pm-? In Council Chambers	12
13	14 Prep for event Admin Day	15 9 am-managers Soup and Bannock Friendship Center	16 11-4pm Elder's Social at Friendship Center	17 9am-staff meeting St Patrick's Day Budget	18 Community Dene Board Games 1-4 Council Chambers	19 First day of Spring
20	21 Admin Day Out of office International Women's Day	22 Off	23 Off	24 Off	25 Off	26
27	28 Prep for event Admin Day	29 9 am-managers Head Start Language 10-11am-Beaver Soup and Bannock Friendship Center	30 Policing meeting Hospital Visits Home Visits	31		

Recreation Dept Calendar



Recreation Calendar

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ASP 3-4:30 <i>Swimming 7+</i> 6-8pm	2 ASP 3-4:30 Women's Fitness Challenge 7pm	3 ASP 3-4:30 Hockey 6-8	4 ASP 3-4:30	5 <i>Youth Drop In</i> 4-7pm
6	7 ASP 3-4:30 Hockey 6-8	8 ASP 3-4:30 <i>Swimming 7+</i> 6-8pm	9 ASP 3-4:30 Women's Fitness Challenge 7pm	10 ASP 3-4:30 Hockey 6-8	11 <i>ADMIN DAY</i>	12
13	14 ASP 3-4:30 Hockey 6-8	15 ASP 3-4:30 <i>Swimming 7+</i> 6-8pm	16 ASP 3-4:30 Women's Fitness Challenge 7pm	17 ASP 3-4:30 Hockey 6-8	18 <i>Spring Break Bash</i> 5-8pm	19 <i>Family Portraits</i>
20	21 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm	22 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm <i>Swimming 7+</i> 6-8pm	23 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm Women's Fitness 7pm	24 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm	25 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm	26
27	28 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm	29 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm <i>Swimming 7+</i> 6-8pm	30 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm Women's Fitness 7pm	31 <i>5-12 year program</i> 1-3pm		

Greetings from Headstart and Deh Zona Day Care

Hello Everyone

My name is Hope Stuckless, I am happy to be back working for the Nation in the position of Head Start Coordinator. I've been a resident of Fort Nelson for 20 years and many of you may know me as I previously worked for the Nation for 8 1/2 years; 2000 – 2009. I was on my way to moving out of Fort Nelson but plans have changed, so you'll continue to see me working with the children and families in my new position. I have a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and have hands on experience in family programming and am very excited about getting programs up and running.

If you are an expecting family, or have children from 0 – 6 we have programs for you. Please feel free to contact me at the Deh Zona family centre at 250-774-2361 ex:23 I'm excited about the programs we are going to be working on over the next few months.

We will be hosting an Open House Dinner on Wednesday March 16 from 4:30 – 6:30. This will give new and past families an opportunity to come and meet with me and get a monthly calendar and let me know what programs and times work best for you in order for me to best serve you and your families.

Thanks and I look forward to working with you.

Hope Stuckless



Greetings

My Name is Tara Badine and I have recently been hired as the ECE Assistant at the Deh Zona Day Care. I am a Fort Nelson First Nation Member and am grateful to be working in my community. As some of you may know, I have three children that all at one time went to Deh Zona and are all now students at Chalo School. My children and I have been moving around for some time and we have discovered that, the old saying "Home is where the Heart is" is true. I am excited to be back in my community with all of my family and friends. I am very excited to begin my new career path back here at home and learning more about Early Childhood Education. Most of all, I am excited to be here back working for my Nation and providing a much needed service to our community.

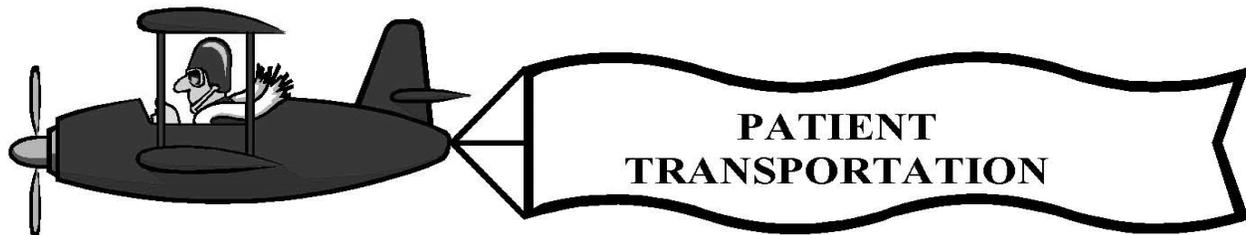


Tara Badine

Patient Transportation

**FORT NELSON FIRST NATION
VISION STATEMENT**

“To have the community of the Fort Nelson First Nation be a strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant community; made up of strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant community members.”



Below is the information required by NIHB from you in order for us to make your travel arrangements for doctors/specialists appointments.

- Status registration number #
- Personal Health Care #
- Referral letter signed by your family physician
- Name of Dr., hospital, type of visit (x-rays, surgery, testing), date, time and phone # of where I can reach them to confirm appointment (if possible).
- **AFTER RETURN FROM APPOINTMENT: (Within 30 days of appointment)**
- Signed Confirmation Slip
- Receipts (taxi, hotel, meals – depends on what funds were issued)

ABSOLUTELY NO TRAVEL WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE INFORMATION TO ME AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF TRIP.

Denise Christman – Community Health Clerk
PHONE: 250-774-7257 EXT: 289
CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH FAX: 250-774-2035
EMAIL: denise.christman@fnnation.ca
Hours: Monday – Friday : 8:30 – 12:00 pm

Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act

Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act Receives Royal Assent

Ref. #2-3448

OTTAWA, ONTARIO (December 15, 2010) – The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians announced today that Bill C-3, *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act* has received Royal Assent. This bill amends provisions of the *Indian Act* that the Court of Appeal for British Columbia found to be unconstitutional in the case of *McIvor v. Canada*.

"I am very pleased to announce that Bill C-3 has received Royal Assent" said the Minister. "This important legislation received all party support in the House of Commons and I commend my Parliamentary colleagues for working with us to address gender discrimination in the *Indian Act* and to respond to the requirements of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia."

Bill C-3 will ensure that eligible grand-children of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men will become entitled to registration (Indian status). As a result of this legislation approximately 45,000 persons will become newly entitled to registration when the Bill comes into force. **The Governor in Council will announce the date at which the Act will come into force in the coming weeks.**

Generally speaking, the key criteria to be newly entitled to registration are:

- Did your grandmother lose her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
- Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be registered, under sub-section 6(2) of the *Indian Act*?
- Were you, or your siblings, born on or after September 4, 1951?

Individuals may seek legal advice on their own situation.

The Government of Canada recognizes that there are a number of broader issues associated with Indian registration, Band membership and citizenship that go beyond the scope of *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act*. Officials have been working on the launch of an exploratory process that will more closely examine these broader issues and involve the participation of First Nations and other Aboriginal organizations, groups and individuals across the country. With the passage of Bill C-3, the exploratory process will now be launched. Activities under the exploratory process are expected to take place over a period of one year, ending in December 2011.

Information on the *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act*, as well as information on the exploratory process and on the registration process can be found on INAC's website.

Please also see:

- [Backgrounder: The Exploratory Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership & Citizenship](#)
- [Backgrounder: Registration Process for Bill C-3 Applicants](#)

Further [information on Bill C-3](#) can be found on INAC's website.

For more information, please contact:

Minister's Office

Michele-Jamali Paquette

Press Secretary

Office of the Honourable John Duncan

(819) 997-0002

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Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

(819) 953-1160

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Restorative Justice Facilitator Training

ALL INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FACILITATOR TRAINING AVAILABLE



WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?

Restorative justice is meant to repair the harm and mistrust created through crime between victims and offenders. A measure for resolving conflict generally dealt with through the traditional court system, restorative justice gives participants the opportunity to resolve conflict in a circle setting, to communicate the feelings they have about the incident, and to survive the shame associated with being a victim or an offender.

FOR OFFENDERS, it is about wanting to take responsibility and being accountable for the harm caused.

FOR VICTIMS, it provides an opportunity to talk about the harm caused and ask questions that may be necessary as a part of the healing process.

For COMMUNITIES of which the victim and offender are from, it provides an understanding of the root causes of the conflict.

The Fort Nelson First Nation Justice Department (with funding from the Department of Justice Canada and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) would like to give interested individuals the unique and valuable opportunity to take part in upcoming Restorative Justice Community Forum Facilitator Training. The training is free of charge, given the expectation that following the training, community members will continue to participate as facilitators in the Fort Nelson First Nation Justice Program, facilitating cases on a volunteer basis.

If you are interested and would like to attend upcoming training or have questions about restorative justice or about the FNFN Justice Department, please call Ashley Wolfe, at 250-

New FNFN Band Members

WELCOME NEW FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED OFF PROBATION ENDING Dec 7, 2010

<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Shaylin Carson	Raymond Needlay
Joceylyn Ducharme	Myrna Courtorielle and Glenn Ducharme
Lace and Liam Mcleod	Virginia (Badine) and Willie Mcleod
Richard Mearow	<u>Transfer pending</u> - Wife: Mavis Mearow
Malea Corcoran-Saliga	Cheyenne Corcoran
Leon Thomson	Juanita (Capot-Blanc) and Norman Thomson

WELCOME NEW FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED ON PROBATION FOR 2 YEARS ACCORDING TO FNFN MEMBERSHIP CODEF STARTING Jan 10, 2011

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>		<u>PROBATION ENDS</u>
Rhonda Berreault	George and Florence Burke	Transfer	10-Jan-13
Hunter Berreault	Mary Ann Burke and	New member	10-Jan-13
Kayden Bertrand	Annabelle Bertrand	New member	10-Jan-13
Chauncy Brooks	Lana Capot-Blanc	New member	10-Jan-13
Angus Campbell	Donna Campbell (Capot-Blanc)	New member	10-Jan-13
Eric Capot-Blanc	Lana Capot-Blanc	New member	10-Jan-13
Martin Carson	Patricia Carson (Behn)	New member	10-Jan-13
Kendel Gairdner	Bernie and Leanne Gairdner	Transfer	10-Jan-13
Cayden Johnston	Deanna Dettieh	New member	10-Jan-13
Alexis Kotchea	Sasha Burke and Ryan Kotchea-Behn	Automatic band member	
Thomas Letawski	Annabelle Bertrand	New member	10-Jan-13
Craig McDermott	Tonya Needlay	New member	10-Jan-13
Grace Michel	Darryl and Rachel Michel	New member	10-Jan-13
Keely Parson	Ricky Parson and Nadine Dennis	New member	10-Jan-13
Brandt Wren	Angela (Dickie) and Darwin Wren	New member	10-Jan-13

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL NEXT MEETING DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	Chief and Council meeting reviewed appl.	End of six month posting ready for vote
Arianna Vance	Candice Brooks (Child of Monica Smith)	20-Sep-10	20-Mar-11
Jordan Burke	Maxine Burke	10-Sep-10	10-Mar-11
Vanessa Haugan	Kris and Laurel Haugan (Child of Vanessa Burke)		25-Apr-11
Robyn Littlejohns Needlay	Bernice Needlay	20-Sep-10	20-Mar-11
Raven Littlejohns Needlay	Bernice Needlay	10-Sep-10	10-Mar-11
Linden Dickie	Harrison and Kelsie Dickie	10-Sep-10	10-Mar-11
Drew Hauck	John Hauck	20-Sep-10	20-Mar-11
Denelle Hauck	John Hauck	20-Sep-10	20-Mar-11
Camille Hauck	John Hauck	20-Sep-10	20-Mar-11
Corey Hauck	John Hauck	20-Sep-10	20-Mar-11
Terri Harrold Fillipone	Rose Harrold	30-Mar-10	30-Sep-10

INQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH DENISE CHRISTMAN @ 774-7257 EXT: 289

Earth Day Art Contest

EARTH DAY

2011

ART CONTEST



**What does the
Land mean to
you?**

The FNFN Lands Department is hosting an art contest for Earth Day 2011. Tell us what the land means to you through a piece of art.

Specifics:

- 2D art up to 18 x 24" in size
- Paintings, drawings, photographs are all welcome!
- Contest closing date: March 31, 2011

1st prize will be awarded to each grade category. Categories are as follows:

- Kindergarten to Grade 3
- Grades 4 - 7
- Grades 8 - 12

Drop completed entries off to the Lands Department, Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 4:30pm.

PILATES WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Recreation is holding a Pilates weight loss challenge.

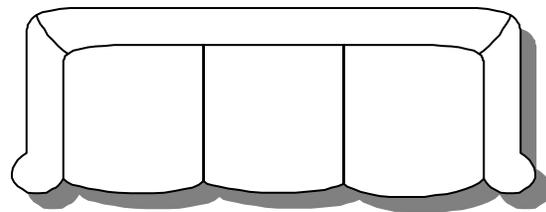
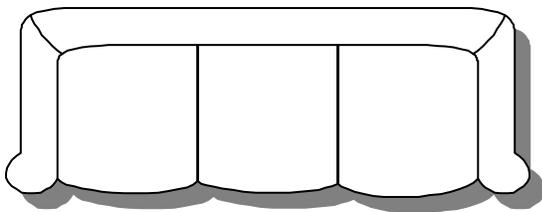
There will be weekly actives at the Meyosin for this challenge. If you would like to join or if you have any questions feel free to contact Recreation at 250-774-7320

Started February 2, 2011 7pm @ Meyosin

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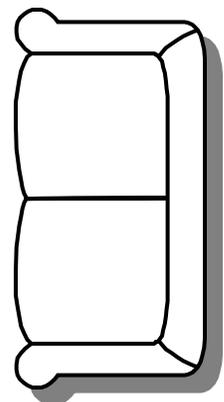
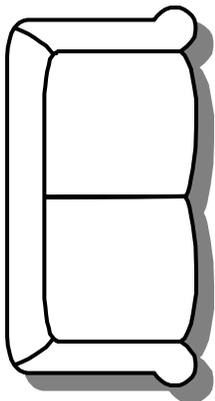
Finishes June 2, 2011, 7 pm @ Meyosin

Wanted



The Health Dept is currently looking for a Sofa for an Elder in the Community.

If you have one that may be used please contact Lorraine @ the Admin Building -250 -774-7257



Treaty 8 Centennial Souvenirs

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Did you miss the opportunity to have a piece of history or would just like to have an unique gift for someone that represents a once in a live time event?

For Sale

Treaty 8 Centennial Souvenirs

Ball Caps

Youth/Children Hoodies

Coffee Mugs

T-Shirts

Mesh Jackets

Drop by the Band office and visit Moira

Various Sizes Available

Relay for Life

RELAY FOR LIFE

This year's Relay For Life will be held on June 4, 2011.

If you are interested in participating please contact Recreation to sign up. There will be a meeting held (Date to be announced) for any questions you may have.

Thank-you



Name the Puppy 2011 Contest

The Culture Revitalization Department would like your help in giving a Dene Name to an RCMP puppy in the: Name the Puppy 2011 Contest

INNISFAIL, Alberta, February 8, 2011 –

Are you one of the lucky young people to name a future working police dog? This is your chance to find out. Canada's national police force invites all young people from coast-to-coast-to-coast to name ten German shepherd puppies born at the Police Dog Service Training Centre (PDSTC) in Innisfail, Alberta.



The deadline for entries is March 7, 2011. Contest winners and prizes will be announced on April 4, 2011. Winning names will be chosen by the PDSTC staff. A draw will determine the winning entry in the event of multiple submissions of the same name.

"In 2010, the RCMP Police Dog Service Training Centre (PDSTC), 'Depot' Division, received over 9,000 individual entries," says Inspector Lawrence Aimoe, the officer-in-charge of the Centre. "This contest provides a tremendous opportunity for Canadian children to take part in a police program that saves lives and protects their neighborhood."

Young people are encouraged to be original and imaginative in finding names that will serve these puppies well in their career with Canada's national police force. When thinking of names, it is important to keep in mind that these are working police dogs, not pets.

Contest rules are simple:

Contestants can suggest only one name (one entry per person). The name may be for a male or a female pup.

The name must start with the letter "D".

The name must have no more than nine letters.

The name must be one or two syllables.

Contestants must live in Canada and be 16 years old or younger.

To enter, contestants must print their name, age, address, telephone number and the suggested name for a puppy on a postcard and mail it to:

Attn:

"Name the Puppy Contest" Police Dog Service Training Centre

Box 6120

Innisfail, AB T4G 1S8

The RCMP will accept more than one entry per household provided that each participant submit one name per postcard. Although there can be only ten winners, names not selected for the contest will be considered for other puppies born during the year.

[Information taken from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police web site](#)

Entries names for the puppy in Slavey or Cree must be called in or dropped off with Theresa at the Band office by noon Thursday March 3rd. Please include your name, age and address and I will provide the post cards.

Family Portrait Sessions

Family Portrait Sessions



Saturday, March 12

Meyosin Building

12-5pm



BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY for the **FREE** Family Portrait Session with seasoned amateur photographer Suzanne Rees! Light snacks will be provided.

Each family will get a 15 minute session, approx. 20 photos and one 8 x 10 FREE of charge, including the disc of your family's 20 photos!

Call Renee Lomen at 250.774.7257 to book your appointment by March 9th!

****There are only 18 spots available!****



This program is offered through the FNFN Community Counselling & Family Services Department. If you are not able to get a seat at this event, and there is a high demand for it, there will be another in the future.

Housing Update

HOUSING UPDATE

WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER

The winning numbers from the housing survey draw are 15192, and 15183. Please pick up your prizes from Donald.

Reminder: Housing Insurance for the year 2011 / 2012 is due for renewal on 31 March 11.

Unit 5026A Dene Etene will be available for rent –

Please forward your application if you are interested in renting this unit.



NEW HOUSING NEW HOUSING NEW HOUSING NEW HOUSING NEW HOUSING

We now have tentative occupancy dates for the 6-plex and 4-plex. All of these units are two bedrooms. The 6-plex is tentatively scheduled for occupancy for April 1, 2011 and the 4-plex tentatively for June 1, 2011. **Please forward your applications to the Housing Department as soon as possible.**

We also have two 2 bedroom rental homes and construction is scheduled to begin in April (weather permitting) and should be completed in October, 2011.

For the upcoming construction season 2011 / 2012 we are tentatively planning construction of ten homes. Three of these homes will be mobility units (potential Elder units), two will be four bedroom units, and the remaining five units will be 3 bedroom units. If the decision is made to proceed with these units the proposed completion dates for their completion would be March, 2012.

For the following construction season 2012 / 2013 we are again tentatively planning to construct ten homes.

In order for the proposed 2011 / 2012 and 2012 / 2013 construction to proceed we must have confirmed numbers of tenants to justify the construction. If you are interested in occupying one of the units that are potentially planned for the new construction season 2011 / 2012 or the 2012 / 2013 season please complete a rental application and forward to the Housing Department by March 15, 2011.

The decision on whether or not to proceed with all, some, or none of the above listed new construction for 2011 / 2012 and 2012 / 2013 will be based on the response to this notice therefore it is up to you, the Nation members, to notify the Housing Department of your interest by completing a Rental Application.

March 2011 Go-Tseh-Nehee

Housing Committee

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Fort Nelson First Nation is in the process of resurrecting the Housing Committee. Please read through this notice to determine if you are interested in volunteering for one of the vacancies.

The Housing Committee shall operate under the direction of Chief and Council and the Fort Nelson First Nation's Housing Policy and Terms of Reference. The Housing Committee is responsible for the development and recommendations (to the whole of Chief and Council) on all policy implementation and changes, including, but not limited to, housing allocations, membership and / or make-up of the Housing Committee. Committee Members are expected at all times to act in the best interest of the Fort Nelson First Nation's community as a whole.

The Housing Committee Members are Nation Members who are genuinely interested in the housing needs of the local community, and are willing to work on a volunteer basis to see those needs met. However, any Nation member who wishes to be considered as a Member of the Housing Committee should NOT be in a situation of owing rental and/ or housing payment arrears to the Nation. Committee Members and / or potential Committee Members must be in good standing regarding housing and / or rental payments, as an example to others.

A Housing Committee Member can live on or off the reserve and must be interested in working towards the housing goals of the Fort Nelson First Nation. A Housing Committee Member (particularly, one who is a tenant, applicant, or contractor in a project) MUST declare any conflicts of interest and remove themselves from participating in any voting, especially where immediate family members are concerned or where any benefits might be accrued to the member in any specific instance.

A Housing Committee Member shall agree, in writing, to follow and adhere to Oaths of Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest Guidelines, Code of Ethics Guidelines, and Code of Conduct.

Committee Members are required to attend ALL meetings of the Housing Committee, unless for reasons acceptable to the Chairperson, or, in his or her absence, the Co-Chairperson, whom the Members(s) will notify of any absence prior to any meeting. Any Member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or frequently misses meetings without notice(s) and reasonable justification shall be automatically dismissed as a Member of the Committee.

If you would like to have your name listed as an applicant for the Housing Committee, send in your information: Name, Address, Home telephone number, Employment telephone number, and enclose a paragraph stating why you would like to be on the Housing Committee (including any relevant education or previous experience that would assist in being a member). Also, please acknowledge that you are willing to sign an Oath of Confidentiality and follow the Conflict of Interest Guidelines and the Code of Conduct. The Housing Committee is accountable and reports to Chief and Council. Please forward this information to: Donalda VanKosky, Housing Coordinator.

There will be No Deadline, until we have a complete Housing Committee. Application letters to be stamped and recorded by the receptionist at the Main Band Office.

I AM IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING MY CONTACT LIST FOR ALL FORT NELSON FIRST NATION PEOPLE AND WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE EITHER CALLING, EMAILING, OR MAILING THEIR CURRENT ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO ME.

Donalda VanKosky, Housing Coordinator
250-774-7257 ext. 223 housing.coordinator@fnnation.ca

Congratulations FNSS Students

CONGRATULATIONS

FNSS had their semester 1 assembly on February 11, and again quite a few of our kids received awards for their hard work.

GRADE 8 B Honor Roll

Teagan Wolf
Jonathan Dettieh

Grade 10 B Honor Roll

Marshall Quesnelle
William Capot Blanc
Megan Burke

Grade 9 B Honor Roll

Morgan Tsakoza
Taylor Tsakoza

Grade 10 A Honor Roll

Shylee Kotchea

Grade 9 A Honor Roll

Reggie Harrold
Brayden McLeod

***Way to Go !!!
FNSS Students***

Miranda Dendys and Tamara Gomolchuck received scholarships from Spectra for \$250.00

After the awards were given out, Kruse Tsakoza and Keenan Vance were invited up to entertain the crowd with their singing and guitar playing, Kruse sang Fishing in the dark by Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Keenan sang You'll Think of Me by Keith Urban, the crowd was so impressed that they were asked to do another song. Kruse sang This is Country Music by Brad Paisley and Keenan sang Wonderful Tonight by Eric Clapton

Miss Nay and Mr Johnstone are continuing with the coffee houses at FNSS, the next one will be in April on a Wednesday at 7:00. The actual date hasn't been scheduled yet, so I'll let you know when it is in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Sally

Employment Opportunity—Lands Dept



Be a part of strengthening our connection to our land, history and culture by being a FNFN Lands Field Monitor.

FNFN Lands Department is recruiting for the 2011 spring/summer Field Monitor Program.

Field Monitors will participate in a wide range of surveys like:



- ✓ Archaeological,
- ✓ Traditional use and resources,
- ✓ Cumulative impact,
- ✓ Wildlife and vegetation.

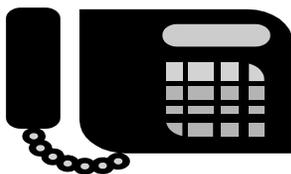


- ❖ You must be physically fit and able to in the outdoors for long periods of time, and willing to work in a Camp environment.
- ❖ Have a strong desire to lean, and work as part of a team
 - ❖ Training is provided

Please contact Michelle Edwards, Field Coordinator at 250 774 6313 or drop off your resume at the Lands Department.

Notice from the Lands Dept

FNFN Lands are asking Band-Owned Business to please keep their contact information up to date have people call our office on a regular basis looking for company information for work opportunities.



Thanks
FNFN Lands Dept

IRA Duties Status Cards

IRA DUTIES, STATUS CARDS/

FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP:

Fridays only: 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm

A) INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS OF CANADA CONTACT INFORMATION:

I. Status card applications: (2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE ALLOW 30 MINUTES FOR CARD TO BE COMPLETED, SAME DAY).

IMPORTANT:

If an IRA (myself) does not follow the status card policy and require an applicant to provide them with at least two (2) acceptable pieces of identification, he or she may lose their authority to issue status cards.

The following types of ID are required for the APPLICATION:

Originals of birth certificates, Canadian Passports, Driver's Licence, Employee ID's, Firearms Licence, Indian Status (Maximum 6 month expiry date), Provincial Health, Provincial ID, Student ID.

2. UPDATE ON CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (CIS) ISSUANCE POLICY:

- a) We can no longer accept CIS card that have expired for more than 6 months as valid identification. Therefore the applicant will have to apply for some other form of picture ID in order for an IRA to issue them a replacement status card.
- b) We also have been advised by the Office of the Indian Registrar that it is no longer acceptable to issue CIS cards through the mail. This is due in large part to an increase in the number of partially completed status cards that have been sent to applicants by IRA's via the mail but have never been returned to the IRA. You can see how this would contribute to the fraudulent use of status cards.

3. Parental consent for registration, name change, transfers:

4. (PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SUCH AS BIRTH CERTIFICATES, NAME CHANGE CERTIFICATE, BCR'S).

5. Treaty Annuity Payment request forms: Or contact Barb Williams, Indian Registration Specialists (INAC), 1-800-665-9320.

6. McIvor Case update:

B) *FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP CODE AND APPLICATION*

Family Dinner and Dance—Trappers Rendezvous



Trappers Rendezvous 2011

Family Dinner and Dance

Join us for the Rendezvous Family
Dinner and Dance Celebrate
Rendezvous 2011 with Baked Spaghetti,
Dancing, a Fish Pond, Door Prizes and a
Costume Contest for children and youth
dressed to represent the
Spirit of Rendezvous.

Date: March 4th

Time: 5:30-8:00

Location: Elks

For more information call Kym 250-774-2596 ext 24 or
Moira 250-500-2417

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Final Touch

Event Planning & Party Décor

Trappers Rendezvous Schedule of Events

2011 FORT NELSON TRAPPERS RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time	Place	Sponsor	Organizer
All week	School Pancake Brkfst	Assorted	Various Schools/Daycares	EnCana	School PACs/Rendezvous
	Rendezvous History Display	Open hours	Public Library	FN Public Library	Fort Nelson Public Library
	Coloring Contest	closes March 1st	Schools/Public Library	Gail's Cruise and Vacations	Rendezvous
	Lego Builders Contest	closes March 3rd	NR Aboriginal Women Society	Imperial Oil/Northern Rockies Plumbing and Heating/Rendezvous	
	Photography Contest	closes March 1st	Phoenix Theatre Gallery	Myrna Blake Royal LePage	Rendezvous
	Snowdium	All Day	Art Fraser Park	Rendezvous	Rendezvous
	Business Dress-Up	All Week	All over town	102.3 the Bear, FN News, RE/MAX, Chamber	
Wednesday	Scavenger Hunt Opens	List in FN News	All over town	Flo-Rite Oilfield Services	Rendezvous
March 2nd	Photography Winners Exhibit	8:00PM	Phoenix Theatre	Myrna Blake Royal LePage	Rendezvous
	Opening Variety Night	8:00-9:00PM	Phoenix Theatre	Rendezvous	Rendezvous
Thursday	Mock Robbery	btwn 12-1:00PM	CIBC		Mad Trappers of Fort Nelson
March 3rd	Family Fun Curling Night	5:00-7:00PM	Curling Rink	Fort Nelson Curling Association 250-774-2266 or Shannon Cooper 250-775-1532	
	Dine, Fur Auction, Magic and Jewels	8:00-9:00PM	Fort Hotel Tiki Room		fix available at The Legendary Fort Nelson Hotel /Rendezvous
Friday	Community Pancake Brkfst	8:00 - 10:00AM	Friendship Center	EnCana/Friendship Center	Friendship Center
March 4th	Jail and Bail	1:00 - 4:00PM	Downtown	Gold Fever, Capp'A'Lu's, Gail's Travel, and Rendezvous	
	Language Bingo	1:00 - 3:30PM	Friendship Center	FN First Nation	FN First Nation
	Rendezvous - Free Skate	3:15 - 5:15PM	Arena	Rotary Club	Rotary Club
	Family Dinner and Dance	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Elks Hall	Family Development Society and Final Touch Event Planning	
	Rendezvous - Free Swim	8:00 - 8:00PM	Swimming Pool	NRRM	NRRM
	Community Drumdance	7:00 - 9:30PM	FNSS Gym	Spectra/ConocoPhillips	Rendezvous
Saturday	Dog Pull	9:00 - 11:00AM	Museum Frontage	Overwaitea/In Memory of Kelly Roney/Rendezvous	
March 5th	Indoor and Outdoor Concession	all day long	Indoor run by the NLC Student Council, Outdoor run by the Rotary Club		
	Trappers demos and squirrel skinning	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Elks	Trapper's Den	Fort Nelson Trapper's Association
	Crib Tournament adult and under 16 yrs	11:00 AM - ??	Elks	\$5 entry - winner takes all/ C.F. Wright Group	Rendezvous
	Baking Contest	1:00 - 2:30PM	Elks	Capp'A'Lu's	Rendezvous
	Scavenger Hunt Closes	Noon	Elks	Flo-Rite Oilfield Services	Rendezvous
	Culture and Craft Market	10:00-4:00PM	Friendship Center	Theresa Fincaryk at 250-500-1090	
	Youth Social Afternoon	12:00-4:00PM	Friendship Center	Shauna Gillen 250-774-4132	
	Rendezvous Idol (Talent Show)	3:00 - 5:00PM	Elks	Gold Fever	Rendezvous
	Arm Wrestling Tournament	11:00 - 4:30PM	Phoenix Theatre	Weigh-in from 8:30-11, Tourney 11-4:30 - Rodger at Apache 250-321-1233	
	Outdoor Events	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Art Fraser Mem Park	Community Companies	Community Volunteers!
	Logging sports (cross-cut, pulp toss, Swede saw), Moose antler toss			Stephanie Smith 250-775-1732	
	Snowshoe Race, Snow Shuffle, Fry-pan throw, Tea boiling			Rendezvous	
	Awards Ceremony	5:00PM	Elks	Community Companies	Rendezvous
	Community Potluck Dinner	8:00PM	Elks	Bring your favourite dish!	Community of Fort Nelson
	Bingo	7:00-9:00PM	FNSS Multi Use Area	FNSS Band	FNSS Band
	Adult Dance - Benefit for Matt n Levanna Sheppard	8:00PM - 2:00AM	Peak Energy at 4901 48th Ave.	Rendezvous	Natasha Ellingson - 250-774-2024
Sunday	Ski Loppett	1PM Start	Community Forest	FN Cross-Country Ski Club	

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Healthy Heart Valentine's Day Dance

Healthy Heart Family Dance



Craft Tables



Dancing the night away



Colouring Fun had by all ages

Thank You

To everyone that
attended and
helped during
the Dance

Coloring Contest Winners



Contest Winners

0-5 Years 1st Tyler Dene 2nd Corrina K's 3rd Kaden Hay

5-10 Years 1st Rosalie Childs 2nd Elyse Kotchea Behn 3rd Cassie Dickie and Lacie Mcleod

11 and Up 1st Shelene Needley 2nd Simone Michel 3rd Kathleen Needley

Fort Nelson First Nation

Mile 295, Alaska Hwy

Fort Nelson, BC

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